Doing a dance of war

NEW WINNIPEG BALLET MAKES CLEAR POLITICAL STATEMENT

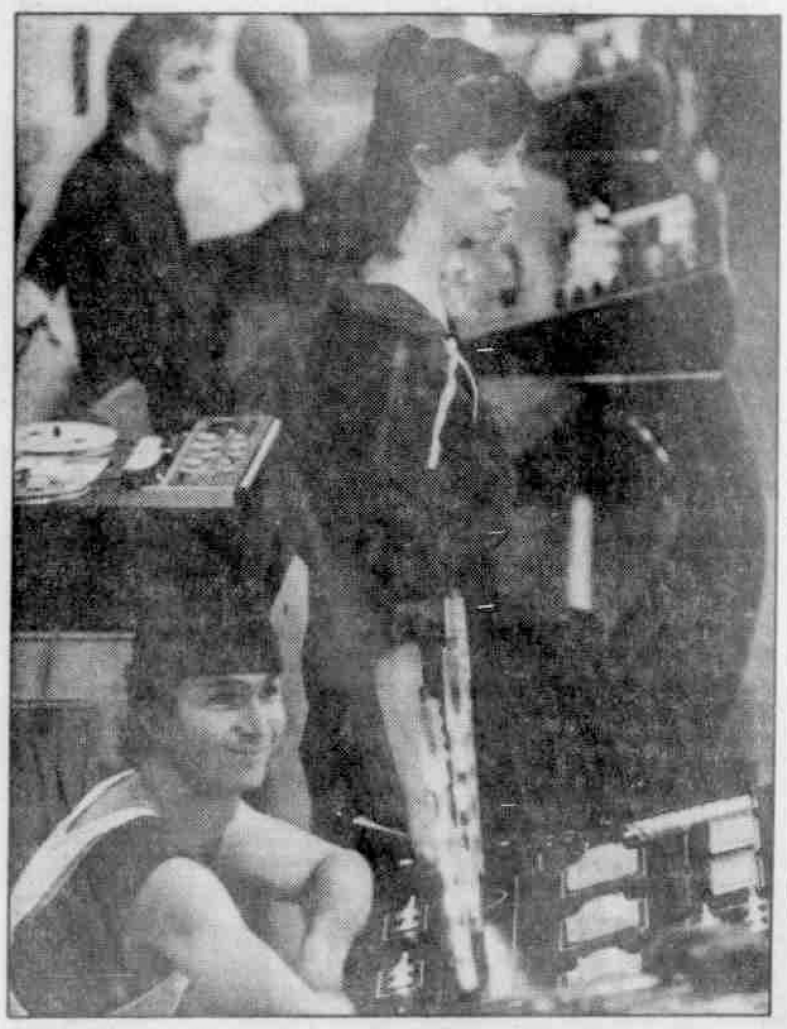
WINNIPEG

A ballet called The War Collection doesn't just sound like a political statement. It is. Sandra Neels, Royal Winnipeg Ballet choreographer for the new production which debuted on Wednesday, said the idea of doing it came to her a few years ago in San Diego when she noticed that no one seemed bothered by the presence of warships in the bay.

At the same time, she had been reading a series of "pretty shocking" interviews with political leaders by Italian journalist Oriana Fallaci.

"I had never known what politicians really thought; how their minds worked," Neels said in an interview.

What started out as a collection of images about war and the people involved turned into a political statement.



SANDRA NEELS, choreographer, watches during rehearsals

Set in the near future, The War Collection presents 21 Royal Winnipeg Ballet dancers as a microcosm of a world at war.

The leaders of the United States, the Soviet Union and China are the linchpins. People are called up for battle — assured by their leaders that everything is fine — and then sent into combat.

They obey at first but, by the end of the ballet, they have turned their attacks from each other to their real enemies, the world leaders. Symbolically, peace finally reigns.

Neels, who was with New York's Merce Cunningham dance company during the 1960s and had several peace-activist friends then, said she herself wasn't politically conscious for a long time.

"Dance demands that you spend all your time in the studio and in a way you stay unconscious, socially and politically."

The War Collection marks a return by the Royal Winnipeg Ballet to more contemporary fare after several years of emphasizing the classics.

Neels began her association with the company four years ago when she came to teach the professional division for a summer. She liked the company and moved here in 1983 to take up full-time work.

Despite her varied career, her first love remains tap dancing.

"I think if everyone tapped there wouldn't be war," she says.

"Seriously."

Nells believes she would have ended up nowhere had it not been for dance. Las Vegas-born, she received tap dance lessons at an early age but was turned out of her home at age 12 by her father, a hard-living gold miner.

She made her way to Seattle, where she eventually joined a modern dance company.

"Dance was a purity. I think if I hadn't had that discipline I would have wound up on the streets somewhere."

Since then, the choroegrapher has worked for many North American dance and theatre companies. Last year saw her doing work for the Merv Griffin show, choreographing the fall clothing collection at New York's Plaza Hotel, working on a film for the Peace Corps and helping stage the Manitoba Opera Association's production of Aida.

Canadian Press

Commando is top movie

HOLLYWOOD

Commando, the latest film about a lone warrior beating odds and armies, fought its way to the top of the box-office earnings in its first weekend, forcing a retreat to fourth place by last week's No. 1, Invasion U.S.A.

Second place was taken by a newly released film, Jagged Edge, starring Glenn Close as a lawyer representing a murder defendant played by Jeff Bridges. The film earned $4.1 million at 1,125 screens across Canada and the United States.

Other films in the top 10 include:

3. Agnes of God.
4. Invasion U.S.A.
5. Back to the Future.
6. Pee-Wee's Big Adventure.
7. Teen Wolf.
8. Plenty.
9. Maxie.
10. Kiss of the Spider Woman.

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Daily-2:00 4:30 7:00 9:30
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MATS. Sat/Sun-2:30
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